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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND INFORMED ME AUGUST 24 THAT
HE HAD INSTRUCTED RELEVANT AGENCY STAFF TO
PROVIDE COMMENTS TO HIM BY SEPTEMBER 7 FOR DISCUSSION
SEPTEMBER 12, WITH VIEW TO ISSUING PAPER SHORTLY THEREAFTER FOR
BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONSIDERATION AT MEETING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER
23.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DRAFT BOARD PAPER UNDER
REVIEW WITHIN SECRETARIAT MAKES REFERENCE TO
POSSIBILITY THAT IAEA PROPOSE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
AS "LEAD AGENCY" FOR ONE OR MORE OF EIGHT CHAPTERS
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LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL B; E.G., "FUEL AND HEAVY WATER
AVAILABILITY," AS WELL AS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE
SUB-TOPICS WHERE IAEA ALREADY HAS ONGOING PROGRAM
OR WHICH WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO IAEA.

3. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM PARAS 4 AND 10 REFTEL B
WHETHER IAEA OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE

VISUALIZED TO "TAKE LEAD" FOR ANY OF EIGHT CHAPTERS. WE NOTE THAT PARA 4 REFTEL REFERS TO "COUNTRIES" TO BE DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS. IN SAME PARA, HOWEVER, REFERENCE IS MADE TO SUCH GROUPS BEING COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF "COUNTRIES," WHILE PARA 10 REFERS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO "PARTICIPAT" IN STUDIES.

4. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 7 RE FEASIBILITY OF A) IAEA SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE BEING NAMED CHAIRMAN OF ONE OR MORE OF EIGHT INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS, B) IAEA SECRETARIAT BEING ASSIGNED FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING WORK ONE OR MORE SUCH GROUPS, UNDER CHAIRMAN OF GROUP FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRY, AND C) IAEA SECRETARIAT BEING ASSIGNED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE OR MORE SUB-TOPICS IN CHAPTERS.

5. MISSION WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT BOARD DOCUMENT EXCLUDE REFERENCE TO ANY OF FOREGOING ROLES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OUTSIDE REALM OF POSSIBILITY. ACCORDINGLY, IF GUIDANCE RECEIVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, WE WOULD PLAN TO PASS SUCH WORD TO SECRETARIAT (E.G., FISCHER).

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6. MISSION ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT DRAFT PAPER INCLUDES SUGGESTIONS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS, ONE OF WHICH WAS REPORTED REFTEL A. SECOND RELATES TO QUESTION OF OPPOSITION OF CITIZENS' GROUPS IN MEMBER STATES TO NUCLEAR POWER AND SUGGESTS REVIEW OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. WE DOUBT PROPRIETY OF INCLUSION OF SUCH TOPIC AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR OUR ADVNCE TO IAEA SECRETARIAT.

7. DRAFT PAPER IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE GENERALLY FORTHCOMING ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPATIO, INCLUDING PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT FOR SELECTED TOPICS AND SUB-TOPICS OR FOR EVALUATION AS A WHOLE, PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS AND EVEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE. ALL OF FOREGOING IS QUALIFIED BY "TO THE EXTENT RESOURCES PERMIT." IN THAT CONNECTION, DRAFT PAPER IS UNDERSTOOD TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR RECEIPT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FINANCE IAEA'S PROVISION

OF MEETING SERVICES, ETC., NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN 1978 BUDGET. DRAFT PAPER RECOMMENDS PARTICIPATION AS DESCRIBED IN PAPER (INCLUDING LIST OF TOPICS AND SUB-TOPICS) WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL TO REPORT TO BOARD IN FEBRUARY 1978 AND TO EACH SUBSEQUENT MEETING ON PROGRESS OF INFCE.

8. MISSION WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. AT SECRETARIAT WORKING LEVEL, KEY EVENT WILL BE RETURN OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TECHNICAL OPERATIONS ZHELUDOV FROM MOSCOW ABOUT SEPTEMBER 12. HIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE THE ONE WHICH WOULD CARRY MAJOR BURDEN OF IAEA'S TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION. STONE

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